

**REMARKS**

The allowance of claims 10 through 17 is appreciated. Claims 18 to 24 have been cancelled without prejudice in view of the USPTO restriction requirement. Claims 1 to 9 are pending.

This supplemental amendment is made to clarify independent claim 1 and several of its dependent claims. The clarification is to identify the "another sensor" as a sensor that measures an actual value of the operating parameter that is being estimated. In the Amendment of December 15, 2005, claim 1 did not make a clear distinction between the sensors used to estimate the operating parameter and the "another sensor" used to generate a trim factor for the estimated operating parameter.

All claims are in good condition for allowance in view of this amendment and the December 15<sup>th</sup> amendment. If any small matter remains outstanding, the Examiner is requested to telephone applicants' attorney. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of this application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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